IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: BERTOLINI et al.

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AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Charlotte, North Carolina June 11, 2008

Dear Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated March 21, 2008, in the above-referenced application kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on Page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on Page 6 of this paper.